

**SOUTH CAROLINA YOUNG FARMER AND AGRIBUSINESS
CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM**

Sponsored by:
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Last Name First Name MI Spouse

Address

Chapter Advisor

Purpose:

The application of conservation practices has become more important for today's agricultural production. Best management practices (BMP) have led to better soil, water, air, plant, animal, and human quality. This contest is designed to commend members who are outstanding stewards of the land because of their effective use of conservation practices or systems.

General Rules and Regulations:

1. Program is designed to include all phases of family life and should reflect all accomplishments to date.
2. Contest open to all Young Farmer members in good standing with the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers and Agribusiness of America.
3. Each Young Farmer competing in the contest must submit the completed application form along with supporting evidence to the State Advisor before November 1, 2003. If additional space is required, refer to and attach to application.
4. A committee selected by the State Advisor and Young Farmer District Officer will determine the district winner.
5. A winner of any award is only eligible to receive a higher award in the future.
6. The basis of judging participants is on a point system as indicated in the application form to determine the highest scoring individual in each district.
7. The Young Farmer State Executive Committee and an NRCS representative will select the state winner.

Awards:

\$100 cash to first place winner in each district. (3 districts)

\$100 additional cash to state winner.

Application

Description of Farming/Agribusiness Operation (10 points)

- Full-time, part-time, history, scope, number of acres, crops, livestock, etc...

Conservation Planning

- Problems and opportunities identified (10 points)

- Objectives (15 points)

Conservation Practices Applied (30 points)

. Did you follow an approved NRCS plan and apply the practices according to NRCS design standards? If not, then how did you attain the installation of the practices?

Results (20 points)

- Include operation efficiency, reduction of costs, environmental stewardship (land and livestock) and benefits to wildlife through habitat enhancement.

Educational Programs (10 points)

- List meetings or classes attended by Young Farmer and/or spouse to enhance knowledge regarding conservation methods.

Topic

Location

No. of Hours